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Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Mr. John Robertus
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San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Dear Mr. Robertus:

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY,
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2004-0378

On July 22, 2004, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted Resolution No. 2004-0052, which granted an exception from the California Ocean Plan (Ocean Plan) prohibition of waste discharges into an Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO). The resolution contained 19 conditions. In adopting the resolution, the State Board expected the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) to establish a reasonable time schedule to implement the exception in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the SIO discharge. This expectation is expressed for example in condition 3(b) which requires that the "discharge of copper additives must be eliminated as soon as practicable." The Regional Board staff should use its professional judgment to recommend a reasonable time schedule for compliance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stan Martinson, Chief, Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5458 (marts@waterboards.ca.gov) or Dominic Gregorio, Division of Water Quality, Ocean Standards Unit, at (916) 341-5488 (gregd@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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